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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the global geodetic reference frame working group, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the development of a road map for the implementation of the global geodetic reference frame.

Summary of the report

At its fourth session, held in New York from 6 to 8 August 2014, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 4/101, in which it underlined the importance of a widely accepted global geodetic reference frame; endorsed the terms of reference of the working group; agreed to enlarge the working group in order to allow for broader regional representation; requested that the working group continue its activities related to the development of the road map; and requested that the working group report to it at its next session. The Committee of Experts also drafted a resolution on the topic for adoption by the Economic and Social Council, with the recommendation that the Council refer the resolution to the General Assembly for endorsement.

In its report, the working group describes the process whereby the General Assembly adopted resolution 69/266 on a global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development; the initial development by the working group of the road map; and the results of the global questionnaire sent to Member States for the purpose of gathering opinions on the key elements of the global geodetic reference frame and its sustainability.

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